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In re the Application of:

Tsutae SHINODA, et al.

Serial No. 09/993,650

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For: FULL COLOR SURFACE DISCHARGE TYPE PLASMA DISPLAY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed December 14, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on February 14, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 (the fifth paragraph on page 8), as follows:

Figs. 25A to 25E are planar and segmented views, used as an aid for understanding the steps of forming address electrodes and barriers on a glass substrate in a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to change an inadvertent, incorrect citation in paragraph [0022] of "Fig. 25F", which is not a part of the subject application, to --Fig. 25E--, which is an original part of the subject application. (See

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paragraph [00158] at page 32.) No new matter is presented.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS IN A NONPROVISONAL APPLICATION

In accordance with the foregoing amendment to the specification and Remarks, it is submitted to be apparent that "Fig. 25F" was merely an inadvertent typographical error, now corrected, and hence there is no omitted item, contrary to the assertion of same in the aforesaid Notice of December 14, 2001.

Since applicants are satisfied with the completeness of the application as filed, and thus as having no Fig. 25F and pursuant to option (III) of the Notice, it is submitted that the filing of the present Preliminary Amendment is appropriate for correcting the incorrect citation of Fig. 25F and thus that no petition is necessary. If a petition is necessary, the Commissioner is requested to treat the present Preliminary Amendment and Response as such petition and to charge the petition fee to applicants' Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 (the fifth paragraph on page 8), as follows:

Figs. 25A to [25F] <u>25E</u> are planar and segmented views, used as an aid for understanding the steps of forming address electrodes and barriers on a glass substrate in a preferred embodiment of the present invention.